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(54) Title: COSMETIC RINSE-OFF COMPOSITIONS COMPRISING INULIN-TYPE FRUCTAN

(57) Abstract: The use is disclosed of an inulin-type fructan for the manufacture of cosmetic rinse-off compositions for the treatment of the hair and/or the skin. The compositions comprise, apart from conventional ingredients in conventional amounts, from 0.10 to 10% of the inulin-type fructan, and are free from (i) cationic polymers, (ii) terpolymers comprising a non-ionic monomer bearing a urethane group, and (iii) polysaccharides that are different from inulin-type fructan. Typical rinse-off compositions in accordance with the invention are also free from monosaccharides and from di- and oligosaccharides that are different from inulin-type fructan, apart from the mono- and disaccharides that naturally occur in inulin-type fructan. The inulin-type fructan, which is biodegradable and has no eutrophic effects on surface waters, can be used to completely substitute cationic polymeric conditioning agents in conventional cosmetic rinse-off compositions. Novel rinse-off compositions are also disclosed.

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